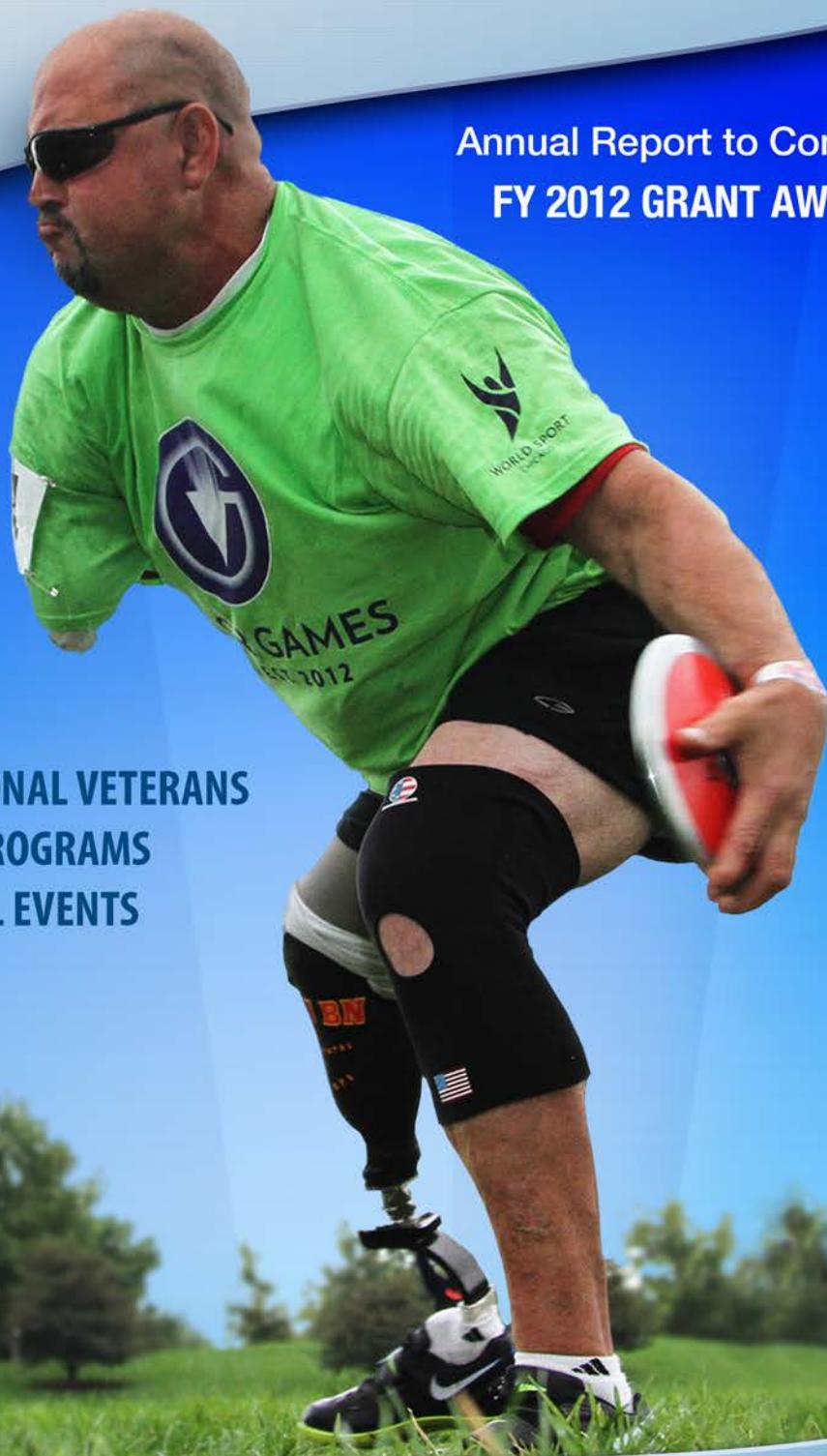


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INTEGRATED ADAPTIVE SPORTS PROGRAM

Annual Report to Congress
FY 2012 GRANT AWARD



OFFICE OF NATIONAL VETERANS
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Our Mission:

The Office of National Veterans Sports Programs and Special Events' (NVSP&SE) mission is to provide rehabilitative venues, both athletic and creative, which focus on motivating, engaging, and enhancing independence, and facilitating Veterans' adoption of a higher quality of life. NVSP&SE does this by managing six national events, as well as providing grants to the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) for the U.S. Paralympic Integrated Adaptive Sports Program. The program secures community, regional, and national-level partnerships to provide competitive and non-competitive adaptive sports opportunities for disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces.

Vision:

Since its inception, NVSP&SE has been dedicated to providing disabled Veterans with constructive and positive relationship-building programs that facilitate their entry into VA's system of rehabilitative care. The experience of the disabled Veterans and members of the Armed Forces is founded on and guided by staff that faithfully embraces VA's I-CARE core values of Integrity, Commitment, Advocacy, Respect, and Excellence.

MISSION RE DEFINED

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



The Office of NVSP&SE provides opportunities for disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces to participate in rehabilitative sport and art therapy programs. Veterans may suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder or traumatic brain injuries; others have lost limb(s) or mobility, or have become blind or visually impaired; while some deal with a combination of injuries or conditions.

As the therapeutic and competitive sport needs of disabled Veterans and wounded Servicemembers become more defined, there is an equally increasing need to promote and highlight the benefits of participating or competing in adaptive sports and the importance of providing those opportunities. VA supports the wellness of Veterans and Servicemembers with disabilities and promotes their participation in adaptive sports as a means toward living healthier, happier, and more productive lives. Veterans of all ages can participate in NVSP&SE

events – from those returning from the battlefield to those who served in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. The place to start is www.va.gov/adaptivesports/.

This Web site has information on grants, allowances, national rehabilitation events, videos, and a Paralympic Sports Club finder to help Veterans locate activities in their communities. The Sports Club finder tool at http://www.va.gov/adaptivesports/va_clubFinder.asp was visited 10,153 times from January 1, 2012, until December 31, 2012.

In 2012, VA also launched an adaptive sports twitter feed, @vaadaptivesport, to communicate directly with Veterans, adaptive sports providers, and other stakeholder groups. This social media platform is used to announce events, promote partner activities, and highlight Veteran accomplishments. The twitter feed currently has some 3,250 followers.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS



Paralympic Grant Program

During the reporting period, VA awarded \$8 million in grant funding to the USOC to manage U.S. Paralympics programs and to award subgrants to Paralympic Sport Clubs, colleges and universities, hospitals, Veteran and military service organizations, and other qualifying recipients nationwide to enhance and expand the local community-based Paralympic and adaptive sports programs. Through this grant, 12,700 disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces participated in adaptive sport programs.

Paralympic Assistance Allowance Program

The program provides a monthly assistance allowance to disabled Veterans training in their respective Paralympic sports as authorized by the Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 2008 and defined in 38 Code of Federal Regulations Part 76. Under this program, VA pays a monthly allowance to a Veteran with a service-related or non-service-related disability if he or she is selected and actively training or competing in a Paralympic sport for a slot on the United

States Paralympics team. Throughout the reporting year, VA awarded a total of \$1,496,000 in allowance payments to 136 disabled Veterans competing across 21 different Paralympic sports.

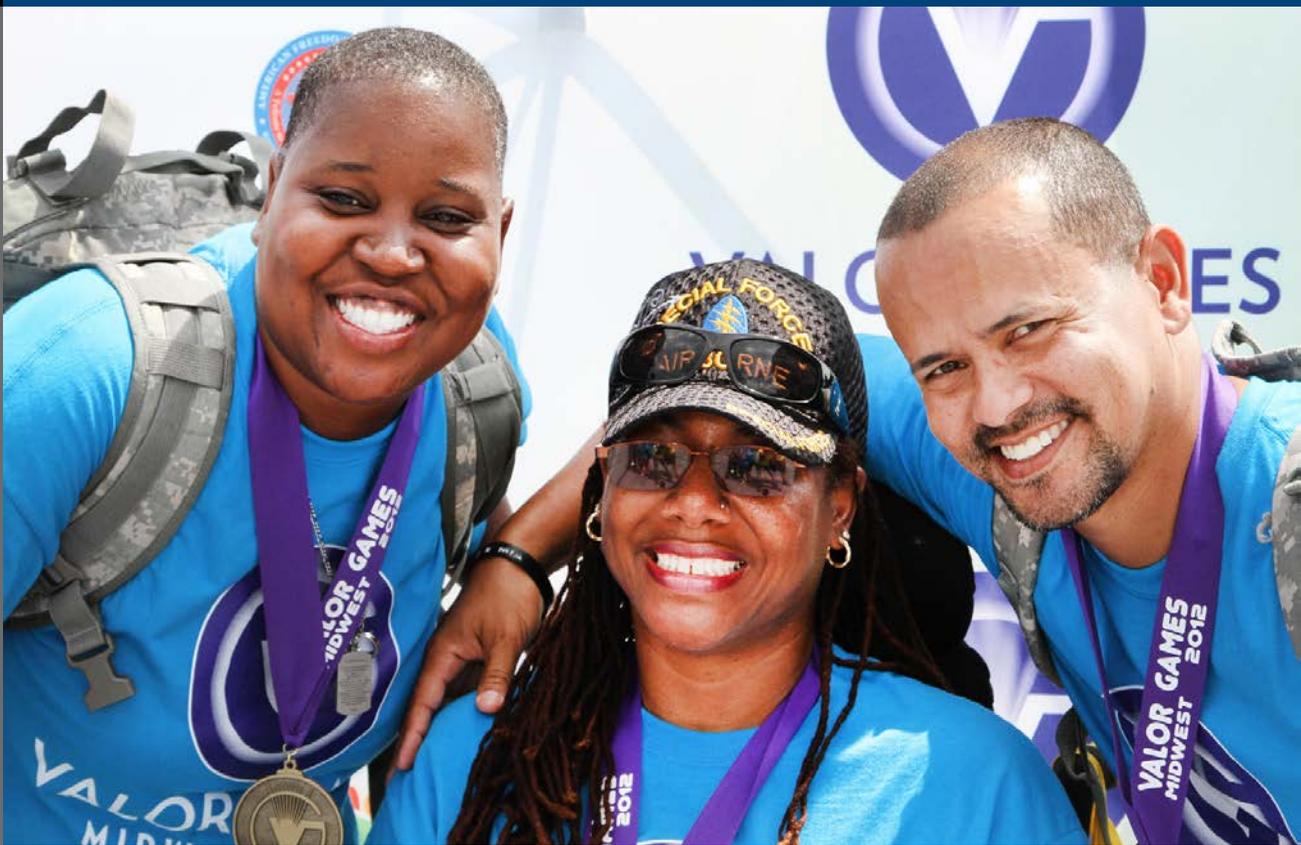
National Rehabilitation Special Events

The office hosted six national rehabilitation special events for Veterans served by VA medical facilities nationwide. Each event promotes the physical, social, and emotional well-being for all Veteran participants by encouraging independence, healthier lifestyles, and maximum performance. Through these programs, the office provided rehabilitative sport and art therapy opportunities to 5,486 Veterans.

Complementary Programs

These programs capitalize on the synergies established through the three core programs and build upon VA and Department of Defense initiatives to produce complementary therapeutic sport opportunities in line with 38 United States Code § 523.

PARALYMPIC GRANT PROGRAM



1.1 Program Overview

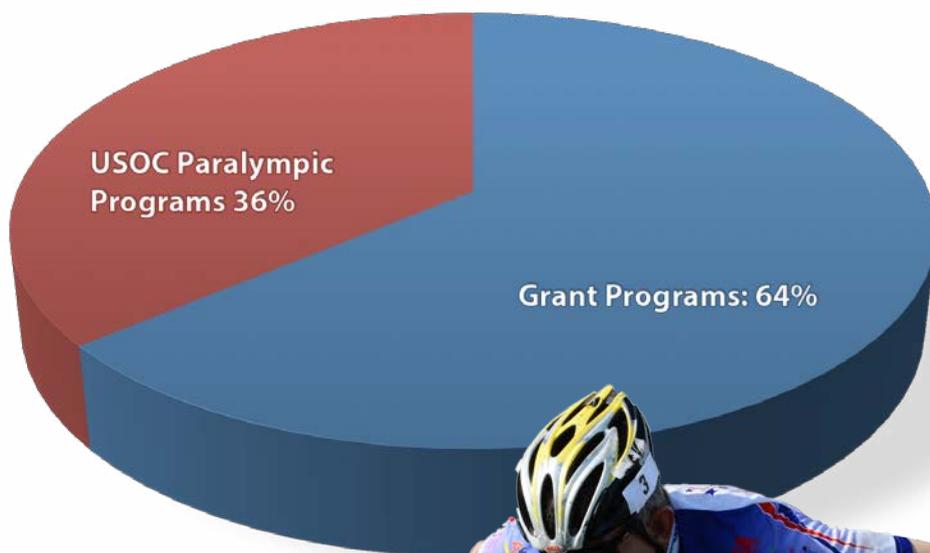
Participating in national, regional, and community-based Paralympic and adaptive sport and rehabilitative programs are essential factors in improving overall health for disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces. These programs are critical to improve the health-life plan of Veterans as well as to treat physical, mental, and visual impairments. Also, these athletic opportunities assist in reintegrating Veterans back into their communities after the completion of service.

During fiscal year (FY) 2012, USOC submitted one application for funding and received a total grant award amount

of \$8,000,000, a 2.5-percent increase over the FY 2011 grant award. The grant award covered USOC programmatic activities performed from October 1, 2012, through September 30, 2013. Similar to the previous year, the grant award was applied to two funding areas: (1) Grant Programs and (2) USOC Paralympic Programs. As shown in *Figure 1*, approximately \$5.1 million was dedicated to grant programs, which accounts for 64 percent of the grant award. Also, approximately \$2.9 million was allocated for USOC operated programs, which accounts for 36 percent of the grant award. These percentages reflect a six percent shift of grant funds from USOC Paralympic Programs under the FY 2011 Paralympic grant to subgrants to partner organizations under the FY 2012 Paralympic grant.

Figure 1: Grant Award by Funding Area

Funding Area	Total Dollars
Grant Programs	\$5,101,714
USOC Paralympic Programs	\$2,898,286
TOTAL	\$8,000,000



1.2 Grant Program

The grant program provides funding assistance to national, regional, and community-based organizations that provide Paralympic and adaptive sport opportunities to disabled Veterans and disabled members of the Armed Forces. Organizations applied for grants in four program areas that provide a multi-level approach for ensuring that athletic opportunities are available across a variety of sports and competitive levels:

(1) Community and Regional Partnerships

(2) National Partnerships

(3) Athlete Development

(4) Olympic Opportunity Fund

For details on the FY 2012 grant award funding for this program, see Figure 1: Grant Award By Funding Area.

COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

The Community and Regional Partnership subgrant engages local and community-based organizations to provide Paralympic and adaptive sport and rehabilitative opportunities for disabled Veterans and Servicemembers. Community partners focus on program expansion within their geographic regions to develop and strengthen adaptive sports programs. These programs particularly function as rehabilitative force multipliers to aid

disabled Veterans and disabled service members serviced by smaller support facilities such as VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinics and Community-Based Warrior Transition Units. During this grant period, these grants ranged from \$25,000 to \$175,000.

NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

The National Partnership subgrant enhances partnerships with premier national organizations to host sport camps, clinics, competitions, and ongoing programs for disabled Veterans and Servicemembers across the country. These national partnerships serve a dual purpose. Not only is their purpose to engage disabled Veterans and Servicemembers to events at a national level, but also to stay connected with these athletes through the national organization's regional and local chapters. The only FY 2012 National Partnership grant was with Paralyzed Veterans of America and the funding level was \$400,000.

ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

The Athlete Development subgrant partners with organizations that serve in the identification, recruitment, and development of high-performance athletes. This program allows disabled Veteran and Servicemember athletes to capitalize on their mental and physical toughness and to apply those characteristics to their pursuit of excellence in a particular field of sport. These athletes are role models and serve as an example for outreach and to



motivate others. During this grant period, these grants ranged from \$50,000 to \$500,000.

OLYMPIC OPPORTUNITY FUND

The Olympic Opportunity Fund (OOF) subgrant partners with community-based, non-profit organizations to create, expand, and continue Paralympic and adaptive sport or physical activity projects for disabled Veterans and Servicemembers. The OOF program focuses on rehabilitation and providing

opportunities to participate in sports, regardless of skill level. The OOF grants ranged from \$10,000 to \$25,191.

The \$5.1 million allocated to these four areas was subawarded to 137 community, regional, and national organizations (see *Figure 2*). The activities funded by the four grant program areas contributed to serving more than 12,700 unique disabled Veterans and Servicemembers. Appendix A provides a list of the organizations that received a grant from USOC for FY 2012.

Figure 2: Grant Subaward by Funding Area

Funding Area	Total Dollars
Community and Regional Partnerships	\$1,147,000
National Partnerships	\$400,000
Athlete Development	\$1,540,000
Olympic Opportunity Fund	\$2,014,714
TOTAL SUBAWARDS	\$5,101,714

PARALYMPIC GRANT PROGRAM

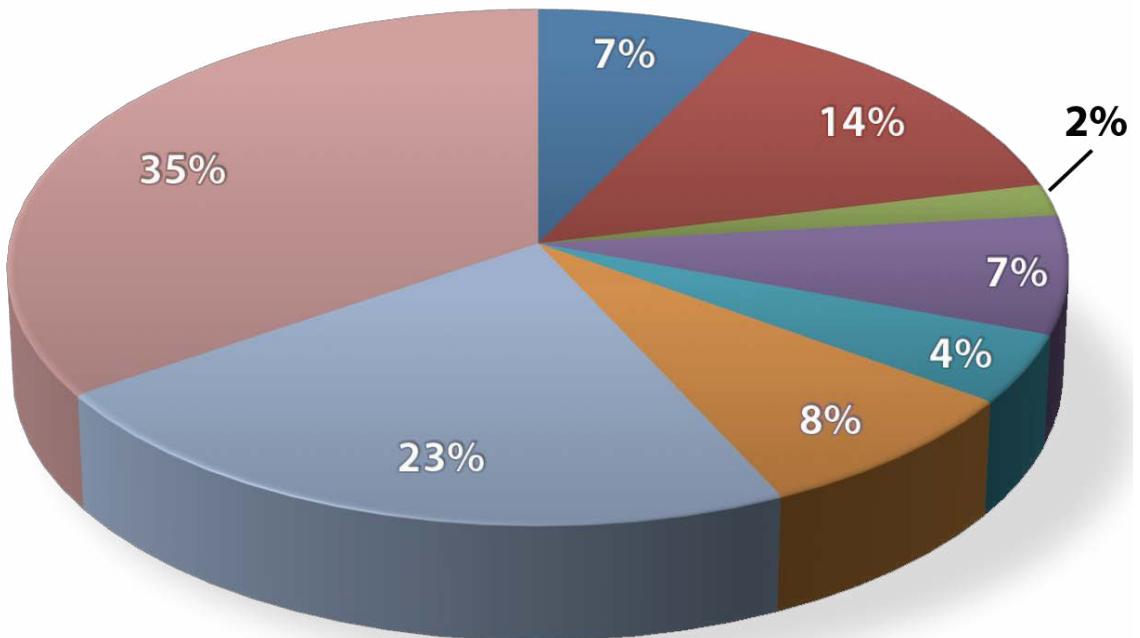
1.3 USOC Paralympic Programs

The USOC Paralympic programs funding was divided into eight distinct areas. The \$2.9 million allocated to this funding area was used for operations and to increase awareness of the USOC Paralympic Program (see *Figure 3*).

Figure 3: Total Funding by USOC Program Area

PROGRAM AREA	TOTAL DOLLARS
Technical Assistance & Grant Monitoring	\$210,286
Training and Education	\$405,000
Conferences & Events	\$58,000
Outreach and Awareness	\$215,000
Sport Performance Development	\$125,000
Development Camps, Clinics & Events	\$235,000
Warrior Games / Valor Games	\$650,000
Direct Program Staffing	\$1,000,000

TOTAL USOC PROGRAMS **\$2,898,286**





Throughout the grant year, the efforts across the USOC initiatives have resulted in enabling service to more than 12,700 disabled Veterans and Servicemembers as well as implementing the tools and products to expand and enhance the U.S. Paralympics Integrated Adaptive Sports Program across the spectrum of Paralympic and adaptive sports and operations.

Grant-funded activities provided a variety of sport opportunities for disabled Veterans, ranging from instructional camps and clinics to competitive events. *Figure 4* identifies the type of activities for each quarter during the fiscal year. Note: the number of Veterans participating in activities includes individuals attending multiple events, for a total of 13,067 participants. To calculate the number of unique Veterans participating in grant-funded activities for the reporting period, we removed duplicate Veteran names / zip codes to obtain a unique Veteran count of 12,700.

Figure 4: Veteran Participation by Quarter

ACTIVITY TYPE	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Practice/Training	2,537	2,676	2,800	2,949
Camps	46	133	64	78
Clinic	231	243	260	228
Competitions	177	208	244	186
TOTALS	2,991	3,260	3,375	3,441

PARALYMPIC GRANT PROGRAM



USOC Sport Activities

Among these activities, Veterans may participate in up to 50 different sport activities at the local, regional, national, and international levels. These sports include:

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| Air Pistol | Track and Field | Racquetball |
| Goalball | Biathlon | Wheelchair/Quad Rugby |
| Snowboarding | Nordic/Cross Country | Cycling/Handcycling |
| Air Rifle | Skiing Transitions | Rowing |
| Golf | Boccia | Wheelchair Racing |
| Surfing | Paddle Boarding | Equestrian |
| Alpine Skiing | Volleyball | Running |
| Hiking | Camping | Wheelchair Softball |
| Swimming | Paratriathlon | Fishing |
| Aquatics | Water Skiing | SCUBA |
| Ice/Sled Hockey | Canoing/Va'a | Wheelchair Soccer |
| Table Tennis | Powerlifting | Fencing |
| Archery | Weightlifting | Sailing |
| Judo | Climbing | Wheelchair Tennis |
| Tennis | Power Soccer | Fitness |
| Basketball | Wheelchair Basketball | Shooting |
| Kayaking | Curling | |

1.4 GRANT OVERSIGHT

In July 2012, the General Accounting Office (GAO) issued a report (GAO-12-703) entitled “Veterans Paralympic Program - Improved Reporting Needed to Ensure Grant Accountability” that included specific recommendations to improve grant oversight and reporting measures.

Recognizing the need for improvements in this area, VA worked with the USOC to update grant-monitoring procedures and to develop audits of grant recipients using risk-based criteria. These audits included financial desk reviews and visits to sub-awardees and covered nearly \$2 million in FY 2012 grant funds. The audits considered numerous factors including the size of the award and category of grant (Community Partnerships, National Partnerships, Athlete Development, and Olympic Opportunity Fund).

The USOC conducted financial desk reviews on grants awarded to BlazeSports of America, Lone Star Paralysis Foundation, New England Nordic Ski Association, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and USA Triathlon. USOC also conducted on-site visits and financial reviews of Aspen Valley Ski Club, Disabled Sports USA, and University of Central Oklahoma.

In addition to the USOC oversight activities, VA grant management specialists conducted several visits to the USOC offices in Colorado Springs, CO, to review record keeping and participate in quarterly grant monitoring reviews. These included reviewing sub-grantee compliance with deliverables, budget, level of participation, and other performance measures. VA and USOC also implemented a new participant accounting system using the Veteran’s full name and zip code to eliminate duplicate participant reporting.



PARALYMPIC MONTHLY ASSISTANCE ALLOWANCE PROGRAM



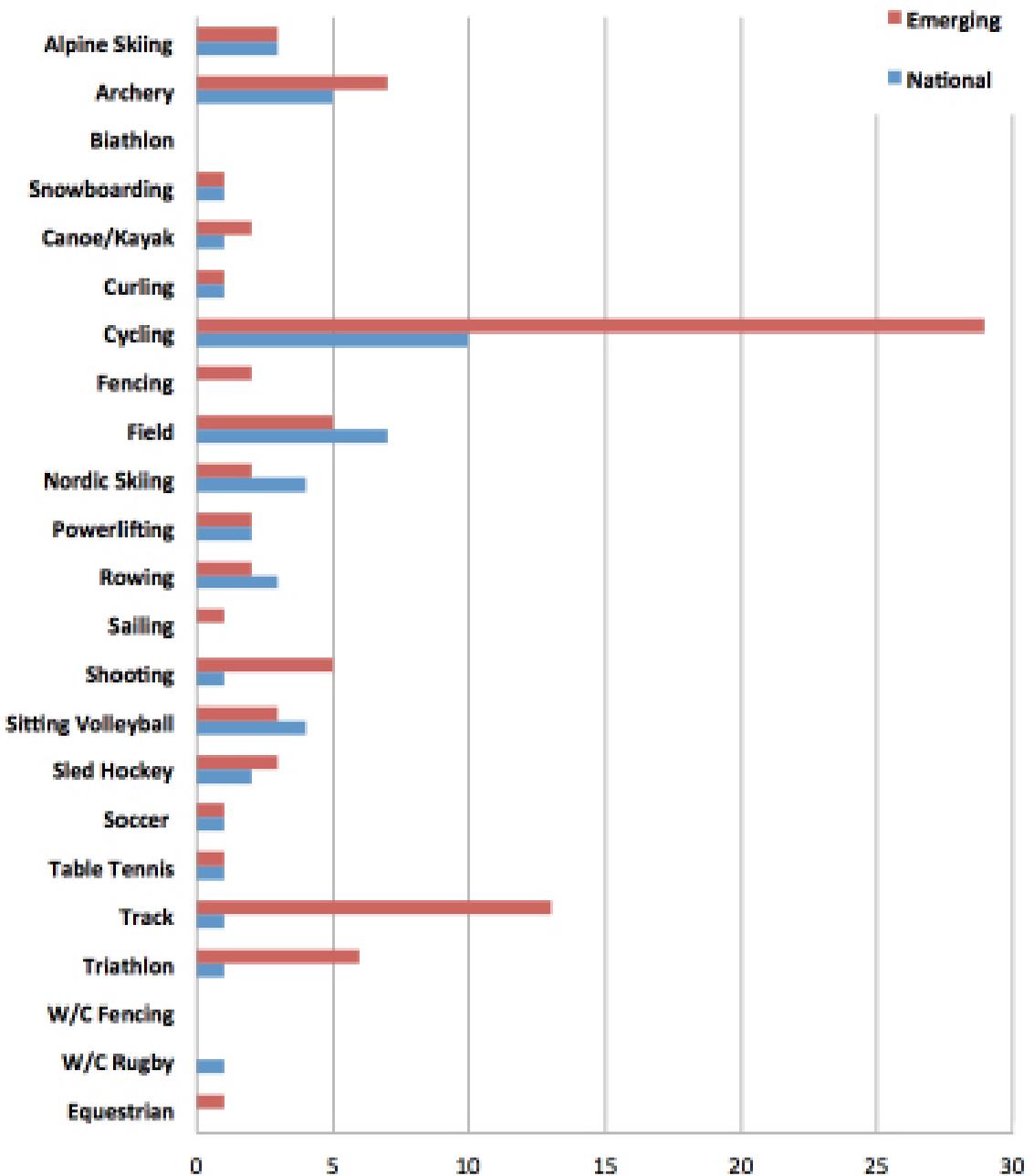
2.1 Allowance Overview

The program provides a monthly assistance allowance to disabled Veterans training in their respective sports as authorized by the Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act of 2008 and defined in 38 CFR Part 76. Through the program, VA and USOC support disabled Veteran athletes who are in a full-time, coached program. During this reporting period, USOC and National Governing Bodies (NGB) in Paralympic sports further developed Paralympic allowance standards, created new partnerships and programs to expand opportunities for Veterans, and maintained an annual participant growth rate of 36 percent (See *Appendix B: Partnership with National Governing Bodies*). In addition, VA and USOC established programs to facilitate separating disabled military athletes

to transition to the allowance and to monitor and enable opportunities in new Paralympic sports. Under this program, VA provided \$1,496,000 in allowance payments to 136 disabled Veterans competing across 21 different Paralympic sports at the emerging and National Team levels. *Figure 5* provides details on participation by sport.

In addition, VA coordinated with numerous government offices, Olympic Committees, Paralympic Committees, and other adaptive sport entities to establish partnerships for enabling the monthly assistance allowance in U.S. Commonwealths and Territories. These activities were subsequently incorporated into the allowance program through Public Law 113-59, *The VA Expiring Authorities Extension Act of 2013*.

Figure 5: Total Number of National Team and Emerging Athletes by Paralympic Sport



NATIONAL REHABILITATION SPECIAL EVENTS



3.1 Overview

VA's adaptive sport and recreation therapy programs can be traced to the rehabilitation of war injured Veterans following World War II. In 1981, which the United Nations proclaimed as the Year of the Disabled Person, VA hosted the first National Veterans Wheelchair Games to provide a competitive outlet for Veterans who use wheelchairs for sports. In 1985, VA hosted the first National Veterans Golden Age Games to improve the health and wellness of Veterans age 55 and older. In 1987, VA launched the National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic to teach adaptive winter sports to Veterans receiving care at VA medical facilities. In 1989, VA held its first National Veterans Creative Arts Competition and Festival as a showcase for the healing power of art, music, drama, and dance. The competition attracts thousands of Veterans from VA facilities nationwide with the top medal winning being invited to showcase their work at the annual festival. In 2008, VA piloted the National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic

to introduce recently injured Veterans to adaptive sports as part of their rehabilitation. That same year, the National Veterans TEE Tournament, an adaptive golfing program at the Iowa City VA Medical Center, became one of VA's national rehabilitation special events.

Each of these programs provides a patient-centered approach to rehabilitation and community reintegration, and encourages Veterans to redefine their capabilities, establish rehabilitative goals, and re-discover their potential in a therapeutic environment. Through these annual events, Veterans find increased confidence, self-esteem, independence, and a higher quality of life.

Each event is made possible through the collaborative efforts of VA medical facilities, national sponsors, and community partner organizations. During the reporting period, NVSP&SE hosted the following national events and provided rehabilitative sport and art therapy opportunities to 5,486 Veterans:

NATIONAL EVENTS

Event	Date (2013)	Location	Veterans
National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic	3/31 - 4/5	Snowmass, CO	343
National Veterans Golden Age Games	5/30 - 6/4	Buffalo, NY	668
National Veterans Wheelchair Games	7/13 - 7/18	Tampa, FL	567
National Veterans TEE Tournament	9/9 - 9/13	Iowa City, IA	181
National Veterans Summer Sports Clinic	9/15 - 9/20	San Diego, CA	102
National Veterans Creative Arts Festival	10/21 - 10/27	Reno, NV	3,500 - Competition 125 - Festival



COMPLEMENTARY PROGRAMS

The FY 2012 Paralympic grant represented the third year of this integrated adaptive sports program. During this period, VA and USOC identified diverse opportunities to improve both the Paralympic Grant and Monthly Assistance Allowance Programs. These opportunities led to the following initiatives and process improvements.

4.1 Department of Defense Collaboration

VA and the Department of Defense (DoD) established new collaborative processes to enhance rehabilitative sport opportunities for disabled Veterans and disabled Servicemembers across the recovery care continuum. These include expanded coordination with the Military Adaptive Sports Working Group and the development of cooperative adaptive sports programs with the individual services. VA and DoD also co-hosted the 2013 Warrior Games and implemented the Valor Games Series. Additionally, USOC facilitated VA and DoD partnership through diverse Paralympic grant activities.

4.2 Design of Adaptive Sport Opportunities

Under the FY 2012 grant, the program continued to develop new opportunities to better meet the needs of disabled Veterans and Servicemembers. The initiatives included the Valor Games Series, a new regional introductory and competitive event concept designed to more effectively provide regional opportunities and develop Paralympic sport pipeline infrastructures for disabled Veterans. To more effectively utilize adaptive sports as a therapeutic tool for

Veterans with PTSD, the National Veterans Sports and Wellness Program engaged the VA mental health community in using exercise, competitive sport, and lifestyle skills such as cooking, in a comprehensive approach. VA, USOC, and their partners will continue to improve capabilities to design opportunities to better meet the needs of disabled Veterans and Servicemembers.

4.3 Expanded Outreach

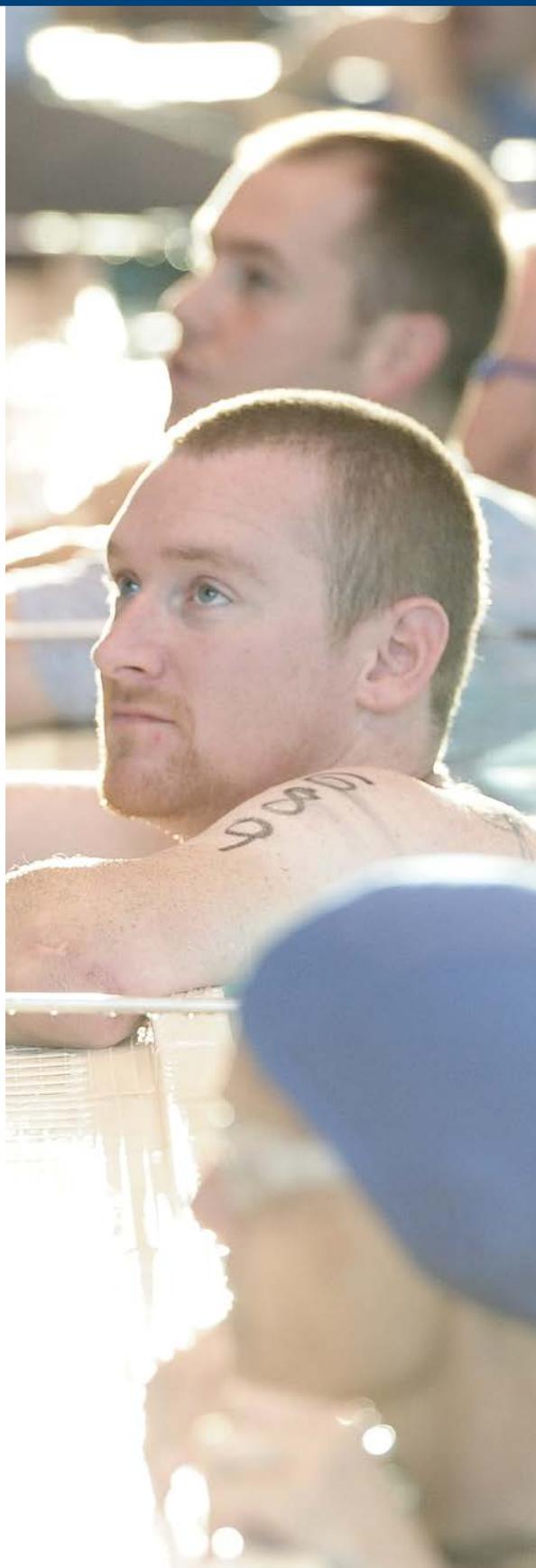
Through VA interaction with USOC, National Governing Bodies, and other partners nationwide, VA has developed multilateral initiatives external to the grant, allowance, and National Rehabilitation Special Event programs. These initiatives facilitate and provide adaptive sport opportunities to disabled Veterans and Servicemembers in line with 38 U.S.C. § 322 to form partnerships to provide more cost effective services to Veterans.

These initiatives vary in concept, such as the Down Range Golf Program, where the Professional Golfers Association partnered with VA to provide a new event to enable local adaptive golf opportunities for disabled Veterans and Servicemembers. In training and technical assistance, the VA and U.S. Tennis Association partnered in development of a Tennis Therapy Guide to provide a comprehensive electronic tool for therapists, coaches, and participants in Paralympic and adaptive tennis programs.

Complementary programs often involve multiple initiatives with adaptive sports organizations, such as BlazeSports America's Webinars to VA recreation therapists on Paralympic Boccia. Diverse, grant-funded events and VA Special Events conduct Boccia components, an initiative to develop Boccia as an event for elderly Veterans in sites such as Community Living Centers to enhance quality of life and promote wholelife health.

VA has developed a network of partnerships with sport National Governing Bodies, Veterans Service Organizations, and diverse adaptive sports entities that has resulted in direct technical expertise and equipment support to VA and DoD adaptive sports activities for disabled Veterans and Servicemembers. Additionally, this network has provided the first-ever adaptive sports support programs for disabled Veterans and Servicemembers in underserved geographic regions. Since the FY 2012 grant did not include adaptive sports opportunities in the U.S. Commonwealths and Territories, VA engaged with diverse governmental, adaptive sports, and other entities in American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands to establish the infrastructure and partnership to enact the full range of VA Paralympic and adaptive sports opportunities in these regions.

Such complementary programs not only continue to develop and expand therapeutic and competitive sport options, but are rapidly becoming more diverse through continued outreach.





VA Paralympic Program Web site

The Web site, <http://www.va.gov/adaptivesports/>, provides users with engaging (both visual and informational), dynamic content about Paralympic and adaptive sports. The Web site includes features such as a comprehensive overview of the benefits of adaptive sports, sports by disability, information about the grant program and training allowances, success stories, and an Adaptive Sports Club Finder that links the USOC and VA databases. The capabilities have been expanded, such as including more details on selected new Paralympic grant-related programs including the Valor Games and Paralympic and adaptive sport publications.

SOCIAL MEDIA



FACEBOOK:
www.facebook.com/VeteransAffairs



TWITTER:
www.twitter.com/vaadaptivesport



Flickr:
www.flickr.com/photos/veteransaffairs



YOUTUBE:
www.youtube.com/DeptVetAffairs

Promotional Videos

Both internally and with U.S. Paralympics, NVSP&SE is developing videos that promote Paralympic and adaptive sport through inspirational and informational messages to promote participation and opportunities for disabled Veterans and disabled Servicemembers.

Social Media

NVSP&SE has developed social media capabilities, such as Twitter, to maintain an ongoing source of current information on Paralympic and adaptive sports for disabled Veterans.

APPENDIX A - FY2012 PARALYMPIC GRANT RECIPIENTS

ORGANIZATION NAME / LOCATION	GRANT AMOUNT	PARALYMPIC & ADAPTIVE SPORT
OLYMPIC OPPORTUNITY FUND SUBGRANTS		
AbilityPLUS Manchester, NH	\$25,191	Cycling, Kayaking, Sit volleyball, Sled Hockey, Wheelchair Basketball
AccesSurf Hawaii Inc. Honolulu , HI	\$20,000	Adaptive Canoe, Adaptive Stand Up & laydown Paddling, Adaptive Surfing, Adaptive Swimming
Achilles International New York, NY	\$20,000	Handcranking, Running
Adaptive Action Sports, Inc. Lummi Island, WA	\$25,000	Para-Snowboarding
Adaptive Adventures Wilmette, IL	\$15,000	Kayaking, Skiing
Adaptive Athletic Specialists Steamboat Springs, CO	\$15,000	Alpine skiing, Nordic skiing
Adaptive Sports Program of Ohio Wooster, OH	\$18,000	Quad Rugby, Sled Hockey, Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Track
American Canoe Association Fredericksburg, VA	\$25,000	Flatwater canoe, Flatwater kayak, Paracanoes, Whitewater kayak
AquAbility Ketchum, ID	\$15,000	Paracanoes/kayak, Swimming
Arlington-Fairfax Chapter IWLA (Izaak Walton League of America) Centerville, VA	\$24,922	Air Rifle, Air Pistol
Asphalt Green New York, NY	\$25,000	Adaptive Swimming, Adaptive Triathlon
Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program (BORP) Berkeley, CA	\$25,000	Cycling, Wheelchair Basketball, Goalball, Sled Hockey,

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**ORGANIZATION
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**GRANT
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PARALYMPIC & ADAPTIVE SPORT

OLYMPIC OPPORTUNITY FUND SUBGRANTS

**BlazeSports America
Decatur, GA**

\$23,000

Archery, Cycling

**Break the Barriers, Inc.
Fresno, CA**

\$20,000

**Archery, Power lifting, Swimming, Tennis,
Wheelchair basketball**

**Breckenridge Outdoor Education
Center
Breckenridge, CO**

\$20,000

**Alpine skiing, Biathlon, Nordic skiing,
Snowboarding**

**Bridge II Sports
Durham NC**

\$25,000

**Archery, Hand Cycling, Recumbent Biking,
Wheelchair Basketball**

**Capital Rowing Club / Capital
Adaptive Rowing Program
Washington, DC**

\$25,000

Rowing

**Casper Mountain Biathlon Club
Casper, WY**

\$23,150

Biathlon, Cross Country Skiing

**The Center for Individuals with
Physical Challenges
Tulsa, OK**

\$22,500

Adaptive Cycling

**Challenge Aspen
Snowmass Village, CO**

\$24,390

Alpine Skiing, Nordic Skiing

**Challenged Athletes Foundation
San Diego, CA**

\$20,000

All sports

**Challenged Athletes of West Virginia
Snowshoe, WV**

\$10,000

**Bicycling, Canoeing, Kayaking,
Canopy tours / climbing, Golf, Swimming**

**Champions Made From Adversity
Evans, GA**

\$25,000

**Archery, Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair
Rugby**

**Chattanooga Parks & Recreation,
Therapeutic Recreation Services
Chattanooga, TN**

\$18,722

Kayaking, Paddle Boarding, Rowing

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Cincinnati Recreation Commission Cincinnati, OH	\$15,000	Handcycling
City of Boulder Parks and Recreation EXPAND Boulder, CO	\$13,650	Wheelchair Racing
City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department Colorado Springs, CO	\$14,000	Adaptive Kayaking / Canoe, Indoor Shooting
The City of Harker Heights Harker Heights, TX	\$18,000	Archery, Boccia, Kayaking
City of Reno Reno, NV	\$20,000	Swimming, Weightlifting
Coastal Carolina / Southeastern Wheelchair Sports Association North Myrtle Beach, SC	\$23,764	Adaptive Boccia Ball, Adaptive Golf, Adaptive Tennis, Adaptive Track and Field, Wheelchair Basketball
Colorado Discover Ability Grand Junction, CO	\$24,909	Cycling, Kayaking, Skiing
Columbus Recreation & Parks Community Recreation Council - Friends of Therapeutic Recreation Chapter Columbus, OH	\$10,000	Boccia, Fitness, Goalball, Power Soccer, Swimming
Community Rowing, Inc. Brighton, MA	\$15,000	Indoor Rowing, Rowing, Weight Training
Courage Center Minneapolis, MN	\$24,731	Alpine Skiing, Nordic Skiing
Creating Ability Fund of the Winona Community Foundation Chatfield, MN	\$14,000	Cross Country Skiing, Kayaking, Wheelchair, Curling
Disabled Athlete Sports Association St Peters, MO	\$23,600	Archery, Handcycling, Sled Hockey, Snow skiing, Track and Field

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**ORGANIZATION
NAME / LOCATION**

**GRANT
AMOUNT**

PARALYMPIC & ADAPTIVE SPORT

OLYMPIC OPPORTUNITY FUND SUBGRANTS

**Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra
Mammoth Lakes, CA**

\$25,000

Biathlon, Cycling, Nordic Skiing

**Disabled Sports USA Far West
Citrus Heights, CA**

\$15,000

**Alpine skiing, Biathlon, Cycling, Sailing,
Sled hockey**

**Gaylord Hospital
Wallingford, CT**

\$10,000

**Cycling, Downhill skiing, Fishing, Kayaking,
Wheelchair curling**

**Gig Harbor Canoe Kayak Racing Team
Gig Harbor, WA**

\$25,000

Sprint Canoe, Sprint Kayak, Va's

**Global Opportunities Unlimited, Inc
Albuquerque, NM**

\$18,810

**Archery Target Shooting, Pistol Target
Shooting, Rifle Target Shooting**

**Great Lakes Adaptive Sports
Association (GLASA)
Lake Forest, IL**

\$25,000

**Archery, Para Tri Club, Powerlifting,
Swimming, Track and field**

**Great Plains Chapter Paralyzed
Veterans of America, Inc.
Omaha, NE**

\$17,000

Boccia Ball, Shooting

**Greater Metro Parks Foundation
Tacoma, WA**

\$25,000

**Adaptive Rowing, Archery, Goalball,
Kayaking, Wheelchair Basketball**

**Holyoke Rows, Inc.
Holyoke, MA**

\$10,000

Canoeing, Kayaking, Rowing

**Houston Parks & Recreation
Department
Houston, TX**

\$25,000

**Adaptive Tennis, Judo, Quad Rugby, Sitting,
Volleyball, Wheelchair Basketball**

**Ignite Adaptive Sports
Boulder, CO**

\$15,000

Alpine Skiing, Nordic Skiing

**Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund
Oceanside, CA**

\$18,000

**Alpine Skiing, Archery, Basketball, Biathlon,
Cycling, Shooting, Track & Field**

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OLYMPIC OPPORTUNITY FUND SUBGRANTS		
Inland Northwest Disabled Veterans Sports Association Inc. Coeur d'Alene, ID	\$25,000	Sled hockey
Lakeshore Foundation Birmingham, AL	\$25,000	Biathlon, Cycling, Sitting Volleyball, Swimming, Wheelchair basketball
Mesa Association of Sports for the Disabled Mesa, AZ	\$19,785	Archery, Cycling, Field, Track
Metro Area Community Empowerment (MACE) Jackson, MS	\$24,670	Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Tennis, Wheelchair Softball
Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Department Miami, FL	\$24,227	Archery, Kayaking, Shooting, Swimming
Military Racquetball Federation Lake Forest, CA	\$25,000	Racquetball
National Sports Center for the Disabled Winter Park, CO	\$25,000	Alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, Biathlon, Paracanoe
National Wheelchair Basketball Association Colorado Springs, CO	\$25,000	Wheelchair Basketball
New England Disabled Sports Lincoln, NH	\$25,000	Cycling
Operation Comfort San Antonio, TX	\$25,000	Sled Hockey
Outdoors for All Foundation Seattle, WA	\$25,000	Alpine skiing, Cycling, Nordic skiing, Snowboarding
Piers Park Sailing Center, Inc. East Boston, MA	\$15,000	Sailing (Sonars)

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OLYMPIC OPPORTUNITY FUND SUBGRANTS

**Pineland Farms, Inc.
New Gloucester, ME**

\$24,305

Biathlon, Cross-Country Skiing, Cycling

**Red River Racing Team
San Marcos, TX**

\$25,000

Canoe / Kayak

**Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago
Sports Program
Chicago, IL**

\$18,450

Archery, Cycling

**Riekes Center for Human Enhancement,
Paralympic Sport Club Menlo Park
Menlo Park, CA**

\$22,890

**Archery, Rugby, Sit Volleyball, Table Tennis,
Track and Field**

**RISE Adventures, Inc.
Irving, TX**

\$24,900

Recreational Quad Rugby, USQRA Team

**San Antonio Fencing Center
San Antonio, TX**

\$14,000

**Fencing (adaptive standing),
Fencing (adaptive seated/Paralympic)**

**San Diego District Tennis Association
San Diego, CA**

\$25,000

**Tennis
Wheelchair Tennis**

**San Diego Rowing Club
San Diego, CA**

\$24,500

Rowing (Sweep and Scull)

**Shared Adventures
Santa Cruz, CA**

\$20,000

Archery, Equestrian, Sailing

**SJSU Research Foundation (SJSURF)
Timpany Center
San Jose, CA**

\$24,850

**Aquatics, Indoor Wheelchair Soccer Clinic,
Wheelchair Basketball Clinic, Wheelchair
Rugby Clinic**

**Southwest Wheelchair
Athletic Association
Hurst, TX**

\$20,000

Track / Field

**SPIRE Institute
Geneva, OH**

\$22,000

**Basketball, Hand Cycling, Swimming,
Weight Training and Conditioning**

APPENDIX A - FY2012 PARALYMPIC GRANT RECIPIENTS

ORGANIZATION NAME / LOCATION	GRANT AMOUNT	PARALYMPIC & ADAPTIVE SPORT
OLYMPIC OPPORTUNITY FUND SUBGRANTS		
SportAbility of Iowa Solon, IA	\$24,995	Adapted Cycling, Cycling - non adapted
Sportable Richmond, VA	\$25,000	Kayaking, Rowing
St. Mary's County Department of Recreation & Parks Leonardtown, MD	\$13,500	Boccia, Cycling, Kayaking, Shooting, Swimming
STRIDE Adaptive Sports, Inc. Rensselaer, NY	\$11,500	Archery, Biathlon, Camping, Fishing, Hiking
Sun Valley Adaptive Sports Ketchum, ID	\$10,000	Mono-/Bi-Skiing, Nordic Skiing, Sled Hockey, Snowboarding, Three-/Four-Track Skiing
Team Paradise Sailing, Inc. Miami, FL	\$24,967	Sailing
Team River Runner Rockville, MD	\$25,000	Adaptive Kayaking
Texas Rowing for All Austin, TX	\$18,000	Rowing
Texas Woman's University Denton, TX	\$24,527	Goalball, Sitting Volleyball, Swimming, Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Tennis
Treasure Valley Family YMCA Boise, ID	\$24,750	Cycling, Running, Swimming, Triathlon
Turnstone Center for Children & Adults with Disabilities* Fort Wayne, IN	\$25,000	Archery, Rowing, Curling, Track & Field
Two Top Mountain Adaptive Sports Foundation, Inc. Mercersburg, PA	\$25,000	Alpine Skiing, Cycling, Kayaking, Snowboarding, Water skiing

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OLYMPIC OPPORTUNITY FUND SUBGRANTS

United States Adaptive Recreation Center (USARC) Big Bear Lake, CA	\$25,000	Alpine Skiing, Cycling, Sailing
United States Curling Association, Inc. Stevens Point, WI	\$11,000	Wheelchair curling
University of Central Oklahoma Edmond, OK	\$18,364	Archery, Cycling, Fencing, Powerlifting, Shooting, Sitting Volleyball, Swimming, Table Tennis
University of Texas Arlington Movin' Mavs Adapted Sports Arlington, TX	\$25,000	Adapted (wheelchair) track, Adapted field events, Hand cycling, Table tennis, Wheelchair basketball
University of Utah Healthcare - Rehabilitation Center Salt Lake City, UT	\$25,000	Alpine skiing, Handcycling, Kayaking, Nordic Skiing, Swimming, Tennis
University Park Paralympic Club University Park, PA	\$13,000	Cycling, Powerlifting, Sled Hockey, Track and Field / Athletics, Wheelchair basketball
USA Volleyball Colorado Springs, CO	\$25,000	Sitting Volleyball
Veterans Ocean Adventures, Inc. Miami, FL	\$25,000	Adaptive SCUBA diving, Kayaking, Sailing
Warrior Ride Oak Island, NC	\$20,000	Cycling
Wheelchair Sports Federation Middle Village, NY	\$10,000	Biking, Paratriathlon, Running, Swimming, Transitions
Wood River Ability Program (WRAP) Sun Valley, ID	\$24,125	Alpine skiing, Biathlon, Nordic skiing
Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team Alexandria, VA	18,000	Softball

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OLYMPIC OPPORTUNITY FUND SUBGRANTS		
Wreckers Inc. dba ParaSports Round Rock, TX	\$18,000	Wheelchair Basketball
NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP SUBGRANTS		
Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) Washington, DC	\$400,000	Air Gun, Bowling, Cycling, Trapshooting
ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT SUBGRANTS		
Aspen Valley Ski / Snowboard Club Aspen, CO	\$500,000	Alpine Skiing, Nordic Skiing
Central Cross-Country Ski Association Verona, WI	\$50,000	Biathlon, Nordic Skiing
Disabled Sports USA Rockville, MD	\$400,000	Alpine Skiing, Biathlon, Curling, Nordic Skiing, Sled Hockey, Snowboarding
National Ability Center Park City, UT	\$55,000	Alpine Skiing, Biathlon, Cycling, Nordic Skiing, Sled Hockey, Snowboarding
National Sports Center for the Disabled Winter Park, CO	\$50,000	Alpine Skiing, Nordic Skiing, Snowboarding
New England Nordic Ski Association New Gloucester, ME	\$50,000	Biathlon, Nordic Skiing
United States Association of Blind Athletes Colorado Springs, CO	\$100,000	Alpine Skiing, Biathlon, Cycling, Nordic Skiing, Rowing, Running
University of Central Oklahoma Edmond, OK	\$75,000	Archery, Cycling, Powerlifting

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ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT SUBGRANTS

**U.S. Biathlon
New Gloucester, ME**

\$210,000

Biathlon

**USA Triathlon
Colorado Springs, CO**

\$50,000

Triathlon

COMMUNITY & REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP SUBGRANTS

**Arizona Bridge to Independent Living
Phoenix, AZ**

\$30,000

Adaptive Scuba, Cycling, Fitness Classes, Rock Climbing, Sitting Volleyball, Table Tennis, Weight Training, Wheelchair Basketball

**BlazeSports America
Decatur, GA**

\$77,000

Archery, Boccia, Fencing, Field Events, Powerlifting, Swimming, Track, Wheelchair Basketball

**City of Sacramento, Parks & Recreation,
Access Leisure
Sacramento, CA**

\$150,000

Over 20 Summer and Winter Events

**Courage Center
Minneapolis, MN**

\$25,000

Over 15 Summer and Winter Events

**Florida Gulf Coast PVA
Tampa, FL**

\$30,000

Aquatic Programs (Swim, SCUBA), Boating (Canoe/Kayak/ Rowing), Cycling, Golf Team Sports (Basketball, Power Soccer, Quad Rugby), Track and Field, Archery, Wheelchair Basketball

**Global Opportunities Unlimited, Inc.
Albuquerque, NM**

\$30,000

Cycling, Fishing, Wheelchair Basketball

**Human Engineering Research
Laboratory
Pittsburgh, PA**

(\$75,000)

Canceled due to cause

**Iowa Sports Foundation
Ames, IA**

\$40,000

Cycling, Track and Field, Target Shooting, Wheelchair Basketball

**Lone Star Paralysis Foundation
Austin, TX**

\$175,000

Archery, Cycling, Kayaking, Powerlifting, Soccer, Swimming, Track and Field, Triathlon, Wheelchair Basketball

**Medstar National Rehabilitation Network
Washington, DC**

\$70,000

Basketball, Cycling, Skiing

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COMMUNITY & REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP SUBGRANTS

Operation Comfort San Antonio, TX	\$25,000	Cycling
Pennsylvania Center for Adapted Sport Philadelphia, PA	\$30,000	10 Adaptive Sport Programs Final Sport Offerings in Work
Riekes Center for Human Enhancement Paralympic Sport Club Menlo Park Menlo Park, CA	\$35,000	Archery, Rowing, Tai Chi
Samaritans Multi-Services Centered on Living Foundation & Associates, Inc. New Orleans, LA	\$30,000	Boccia, Fitness Training, Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Softball
Sportable Richmond, VA	\$25,000	14 Adaptive Sport Programs
University of New Hampshire Northeast Passage Durham, NH	\$150,000	Alpine and Nordic Skiing, Biathlon, Cycling, Rowing, Sled Hockey, Shooting, Swimming, Tennis
World Sport Chicago Chicago, IL	\$150,000	14 Adaptive Sport Programs

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Arizona Disabled Sports Desert Challenge Competition Mesa, AZ	\$15,000	Archery, Field Events, Swimming, Track
Aspen Valley Ski / Snowboard Club Advanced Ski Clinic Aspen, CO	\$35,860	Alpine Skiing, Nordic Skiing
BlazeSports America Dixie Games Decatur, GA	\$30,000	Archery, Boccia, Fencing, Field Events, Swimming, Table Tennis, Track, Weightlifting
Disabled Athlete Sports Association Gateway Games St Peters, MO	\$15,585	Archery, Field Events, Handcycling, Swimming, Track

ORGANIZATION NAME / LOCATION	GRANT AMOUNT	PARALYMPIC & ADAPTIVE SPORT
CAMPS & COMPETITIONS		
Great Lakes Adaptive Sports Association (GLASA) - Great Lakes Regional Games Lake Forest, IL	\$10,000	Archery, Boccia, Cycling, Swimming, Table Tennis, Track & Field, Weightlifting
Lone Star Paralysis Foundation Texas Regional Games Austin, TX	\$10,000	Air Rifle, Archery, Boccia, Fencing, Powerlifting, Swimming, Track & Field, Wheelchair Tennis
Michigan Sports Unlimited Thunder in the Valley Games Essexville, MI	\$15,000	Air Rifle, Archery, Handcycling, Powerlifting, Swimming, Table Tennis, Track & Field
University of Central Oklahoma Endeavor Games Edmond, OK	\$35,000	Archery, Biathlon, Boccia, Cycling, Powerlifting, Rowing, Swimming, Wheelchair Tennis
VALOR GAMES		
Bridge II Sports Valor Games Southeast Durham, NC	\$115,000	Air Rifle, Archery, Cycling, Paracanoe, Paratriathlon, Powerlifting, Sitting Volleyball, Track & Field
San Antonio Sports Valor Games Southwest San Antonio, TX	\$115,000	Air Rifle, Archery, Cycling, Kayaking, Powerlifting, Wheelchair Basketball
Far West Wheelchair Athletic Association - Valor Games Far West San JoseCA	\$137,500	Archery, Biathlon, Boccia, Cycling, Powerlifting, Rowing, Swimming, Wheelchair, Tennis
World Sport Chicago Valor Games Midwest Chicago, IL	\$100,000	Archery, Boccia, Cycling, Powerlifting, Rowing, Shot Put
FY2011 PROGRAM ADJUSTMENT GRANTS		
SPIRE Institute Geneva, OH	\$22,000	Diverse Exercise and Athletic Events for Veterans with PTSD
USA Judo Colorado Springs, CO	\$75,000	Judo

APPENDIX B - PARTNERSHIPS WITH NATIONAL GOVERNING BODIES

PARALYMPIC SPORT	ORGANIZATION	COMMUNITY
Alpine Skiing	United States Paralympics	Colorado Springs, CO
Archery	USA Archery	Colorado Springs, CO
Badminton	USA Badminton	Colorado Springs, CO
Basketball	National Wheelchair Basketball Association	Colorado Springs, CO
Biathlon	United States Biathlon Association	New Gloucester, ME
Boccia	BlazeSports America, Inc.	Atlanta, GA
Canoe (Va'a) / Kayak	United States Canoe / Kayak	Oklahoma City, OK
Curling	United States Curling Association	Stevens Point, WI
Cycling	United States Paralympics	Colorado Springs, CO
Equestrian	United States Equestrian Federation	Gladstone, NJ
Goalball	United States Association of Blind Athletes	Colorado Springs, CO
Judo	USA Judo	Colorado Springs, CO
Nordic Skiing	United States Paralympics	Colorado Springs, CO
Para-Snowboard	United States Paralympics	Colorado Springs, CO
Paratriathlon	USA Triathlon	Colorado Springs, CO
Powerlifting	United States Paralympic Powerlifting	Edmond, OK
Rowing	United States Rowing	Princeton, NJ
Rugby	Lakeshore Foundation	Birmingham, AL
Sailing	United States Sailing	Portsmouth, RI
Shooting	USA Shooting	Colorado Springs, CO
Sled Hockey	USA Hockey	Colorado Springs, CO

PARALYMPIC SPORT	ORGANIZATION	COMMUNITY
Soccer	United States Soccer Federation	Chicago, IL
Swimming	United States Paralympics	Colorado Springs, CO
Table Tennis	USA Table Tennis	Colorado Springs, CO
Taekwondo	USA Taekwondo	Colorado Springs, CO
Tennis	United States Tennis Association	White Plains, NY
Track and Field	United States Paralympics	Colorado Springs, CO
Volleyball	USA Volleyball	Colorado Springs, CO



APPENDIX C - PARALYMPIC SPORTS BY DISABILITY GROUP

PARALYMPIC SPORT	AMPUTEE / DWARFISM / OTHER	BLIND / VISUALLY IMPAIRED	SPINAL CORD INJURY / PARALYZED / WHEELCHAIR USER	TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY / CP / STROKE	INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENT
Archery	X		X	X	
Badminton#			X		
Basketball	X		X		
Boccia				X	
Canoe/Kayak	X		X	X	
Cycling	X	X	X	X	
Equestrian	X	X	X	X	
Fencing	X		X	X	
Goalball		X			
Judo		X			
Paratriathlon	X	X	X	X	
Powerlifting	X		X	X	
Rowing	X	X	X	X	
Rugby			X		
Sailing	X	X	X	X	
Shooting	X		X	X	
Soccer*				X	
Swimming	X	X	X	X	X
Table Tennis	X		X	X	X
Taekwondo#	X				
Tennis	X		X		
Track & Field	X	X	X	X	X
Volleyball	X				
Alpine Skiing	X	X	X	X	
Biathlon	X	X	X	X	
Cross Country Skiing	X	X	X	X	
Curling	X		X	X	
Sled Hockey	X		X	X	
Snowboard	X				

*Soccer exists for Blind/Visually Impaired athletes in international competition, but there is no active U.S. program.

#Badminton and Taekwondo have been nominated for International Paralympic Committee certification as a Paralympic sport for inclusion in the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games. Final determination should occur in October 2014.



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A man in a yellow and black wetsuit is standing on a beach, holding a surfboard. He is looking out at the ocean. The surfboard has a red and yellow design on the nose. The background shows waves breaking on the shore.

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